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## **ABSTRACT**

A method of conditioning an activated sludge in a membrane biological reactor comprising

- (i) adding to the activated sludge an effective amount of at least one water soluble cationic
- polymer to form a mixture of water and coagulated and flocculated suspended solids; and
  - (ii) separating the coagulated and flocculated suspended solids from the water by filtering through an ultrafiltration or microfiltration membrane.